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SUBJ: CONSULAR ACCESS INCIDENTS

REF: LENINGRAD 0056, 0069

1. AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 22, CONSOFF CALLED ON GERMAN BOSIKOV, MFA
CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION, AND MADE ORAL STATEMENT PROTESTING DETENTION
OF VLADIMIR OLICKER AFTER CONTACT WITH CONGEN LENINGRAD (SEE REFTELS)
AND ASKED FOR FULL REPORT ON INCIDENT. CONSOFF EMPHASIZED THAT IN OUR

VIEW INCIDENT INVOLVING OLICKER REPRESENTED ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE SOVIET

CITIZEN SEEKING TO CONSULT US CONSULAR OFFICER ON LEGITIMATE CONSULAR
BUSINESS. CONSOFF POINTED OUT THAT ACTIONS OF SOVIET MILITIA IN THIS
INSTANCE CONTRADICTED SPIRIT AND INTENT OF US-SOVIET CONSULAR CONVENTION

OF 1964. BOSIKOV INDICATED HE HAD HEARD OF OLICKER INCIDENT FROM

LENINGRAD CONSULAR AGENCY. HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER AND PROVIDE
REPORT TO EMBASSY.

2. CONSOFF ALSO MENTIONED THREE INSTANCES IN DECEMBER AND
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EARLY JANUARY OF MILITIA INTERFERENCE WITH, AND INTERROGATION

OF, AMERICAN AND SOVIET CITIZENS INVITED TO EMBOFFS' RESIDENCES.
CONSOFF POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE PERSONS INTERROGATED WERE
ALLOWED TO PROCEED TO THEIR FUNCTIONS WITHIN FIVE TO 30 MINUTES,
WE REGARDED SUCH INCIDENTS AS UNFORTUNATE. CONSOFF ASKED THAT
MILITIA BE REMINDED ONCE AGAIN OF THEIR BOUNDS AND PROPER
RESPONSIBILITIES. BOSIKOV REPLIED WITH FAMILIAR ARGUMENT THAT
MILITIA IS PROTECTING DIPLOMATS' SECURITY BUT STATED THAT HE WOULD
REPORT THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN TO THE "COMPETENT ORGANS."
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